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UN MEMBERSHIP FOR ANGOLA AND VIETNAM --

SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP OVINNIKOV ASKED AMB BENNETT IF U.S.
CONTINUED TO OPPOSE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR
ANGOLA AND VIETNAM. BENNETT AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY, BUT COMMENTED HE
DID NOT SEE MUCH CHANGE FROM EARLIER SITUATION IN EITHER CASE
AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OF MISSING PERSONS IN VIETNAM.
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OVINNIKOV ASSERTED THAT MISSING PERSONS QUESTION WAS REALLY

BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM. (CONFIDENTIAL
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U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA --

GOV SCRANTON PRESENTED A CHECK FOR \$16.9 MILLION TO UN
UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART AUGUST 2, THUS FULFILLING
U.S. 1976 PLEDGE TO UNRWA. AN INITIAL U.S. PAYMENT OF \$9.8
MILLION HAD BEEN MADE IN JANUARY ON THE 1976 PLEDGE OF \$26,700,000.

LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE -- GENERAL COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA), DESCRIBING THE
CURRENT LOS CONFERENCE AS "BOTH CRUCIAL AND CRITICAL",
PUT FORWARD IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AUG. 2 SUGGESTIONS ON
HOW THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD PROCEED, AND A NUMBER OF
DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON THIS AND ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIST
OF "KEY ISSUES" ON WHICH DELEGATES SHOULD CONCENTRATE THEIR
NEGOTIATIONS. AMERASINGHE INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABSENT FROM
NEW YORK BETWEEN AUG. 5 AND 23 OR 24 TO ATTEND THE NONALIGNED
CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, AND HE INTENDED TO DESIGNATE EVENSEN
(NORWAY), AS ONE OF THE 31 CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENTS, TO
ACT IN HIS PLACE DURING HIS ABSENCE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS
INTENTION OF ORGANIZING INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN PLENARY ON
PART IV OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, CONCERNED WITH THE
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

DURING THE DISCUSSION, CHAIRMAN CASTANEDA (MEXICO) OF THE
COASTAL STATES GROUP ON EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (ALMOST 60
MEMBERS) SET FORTH NINE SUGGESTIONS BY THAT GROUP CONCERNING
THE PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION. SCHREIBER (PERU) ANNOUNCED THAT
THE COASTAL STATES GROUP AGREED ON THE CONCEPT OF THE EX-
CLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AS A SUI GENERIS ZONE, FORMING PART
NEITHER OF THE HIGH SEAS NOR OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA. THAT
CONCEPT PRECLUDED INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE
AGAINST THE CLEAR WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF STATES. IT WAS ALSO
REGARDED AS PART OF A PACKAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A DEFINITION
OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF EXTENDING TO THE EDGE OF THE CONTINENTAL
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MARGIN WHERE THAT WAS FURTHER THAN 200 MILES FROM SHORE, AS
WELL AS RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULAS TO BE NEGOTIATED.

THE POLISH EXPERT SAID HE HAD EXPECTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COASTAL
STATES GROUP TO SAY THAT IT WAS READY TO BUILD A COMPROMISE
ON THE ISSUE OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE; HOWEVER, HE SAW NO EVIDENCE
OF THAT IN THE STATEMENT JUST DELIVERED. INSTEAD, IT WAS A

DIKTAT AS TO HOW THAT GROUP WISHED TO CONDUCT THE CONFERENCE. OXMAN COMMENTED THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE THE LARGEST ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE WORLD, BUT IT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF COASTAL STATES ON EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. HE DID NOT REGARD THE MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE'S REMARKS AS EXPRESSING A SUBSTANTIVE POINT OF VIEW, BUT THOUGHT THEY WERE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, HE WAS "QUITE PESSIMISTIC" ABOUT THE COMMENTS BY PERU, FOR NO TREATY COULD EMERGE ON THE BASIS OF THOSE REMARKS.

COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --

THE COMMITTEE BEGAN ITS 14TH SESSION AUGUST 2, DISCUSSED ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK, AND HEARD STATEMENT BY HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION DIRECTOR SCHREIBER. THE SOVIET EXPERT HAD DOUBTS ABOUT DISCUSSING THE THIRD PERIODIC REPORT OF CHILE AND SUGGESTED IT BE POSTPONED TO NEXT SESSION BECAUSE OF CHILE'S REFUSAL TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE UN ON QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SCHREIBER TOLD HIM IT WOULD NOT BE TAKEN UP THIS SESSION BECAUSE CHILE HAD ASKED DEFERRAL UNTIL THE SPRING 1977 SESSION. SCHREIBER NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE ON ITS AGENDA A USG REPORT ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, WHICH CONTAINED A CHAPTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

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